

LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE MEETING

MEETING MINUTES

DATE: August 8, 2006 TIME: 3:00 P.M. MEETING PLACE: HWDMC Conference Room **DRAFT MINUTES**

RECORDING: Nancy N. Lewis, RHIT PRESIDING: Audrey M. Hester, Chairwoman

PRESENT: Cunningham, Tonya, Human Rights Advocate
Coleman, Brenda, VOPA Representative
Fereday, David, HWDMC Risk Manager/Safety Director
Walsh, Margaret, DMHMRSAS Human Rights Director

Bowser, James O, Jr. Reginal Advocate
Olson, Holvar E., Member
Martin, Eddie, Member

Garnes, Beverly, SVTC Patient Advocate
Rosenquist, David, HWDMC Director
Patterson, James L., Jr., HWDMC Medical Director

ABSENT: Roberts, Joyce M., Member

CHAIRMAN'S SIGNATURE: _____

TOPIC/AGENDA	REPORT/DISCUSSION	RECOMMENDATION/ACTION	FOLLOW UP
I. Call to order	Audrey Hester, Chairwoman, called the meeting to order.		
Introduction of Guests	Attendees at the meeting went around the room and introduced themselves.		
II. Public Comment	No public comments were made.		
III. Approval of Minutes	Minutes of the January 19, 2006 meeting were approved as written.		
	There was no quorum for the April 20, 2006 meeting, but minutes of informational discussion and material provided to those present were transcribed and approved.		
IV. Review and Approval			
A) Report of Abuse/Neglect	<p>"A motion was made and passed that the Local Human Rights Committee go into executive session pursuant to Virginia Code § 2.1-3444 (A) Paragraph 15 for the protection of the privacy of individuals and their records in personal matters not related to public business".</p> <p>Six (6) Abuse/Neglect cases were presented by the Facility Director. It was noted that three (3) of the six (6) cases were from the last calendar year 2005. It was noted that a report is</p>		

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<p>V. New Business</p> <p>Comments from Margaret Walsh, DMHMRSAS State Human Rights Director</p>	<p>not reported to this Committee until the report goes through the review process in the DMHMRSAS Central Office.</p> <p>Cases presented: 7482005-009 7482005-010 7482005-011 7482006-001 7482006-002 7482006-003</p> <p>Upon reconvening into open session the members of the Local Human Rights Committee certified to the best of each member's knowledge only public business matters lawfully exempted from statutory open meeting requirements and only public business matters identified in the motion to convene the closed session were discussed in closed session.</p> <p>A motion to go out of Executive Session was approved and a roll call of the Local Human Rights Committee Members was made upon reconvening into open session with the Chairman calling the name of each member who responded with an affirmative "yes".</p> <p>Margaret Walsh, DMHMRSAS State Human Rights Director, informed all of the Committee Members that everyone on the Committee was much appreciated and is very thankful for what the Committee does.</p> <p><i>"The Rules and Regulations to Assure the Rights of Individuals Receiving Services from Providers of Mental Health, Mental Retardation, and Substance Abuse Services"</i> has just come out of the Governor's Office and approved for public comment. The DMHMRSAS Office of State Human Rights is in the process of scheduling the hearing locations; the public comment period will run approximately from September 18th – November 17th. A formal announcement will be published in the next week to 10 days.</p>		

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<p>Presentation by Margaret Walsh, State Human Rights Director and James O. Bowser, Jr., Regional Advocate</p> <p>VI. Local Human Rights Committee Business</p> <p>Bylaws Revisions</p> <p>Vacancies</p>	<p>Mr. Bowser informed Committee Members of a new direction for the Department and provided a report to the members on the three Local Human Rights Committees in Region IV and a listing of Community Programs and a list of Affiliates in each program in Region IV. The DMHMRSAS is looking for new LHRC members for Community Programs. It was noted that the role of the facility and the Community Programs is exactly the same; the same set of regulations apply to both. A request was made that the HWDMC LHRC consider allowing a Community Service Board to affiliate with the Hiram W. Davis Medical Center LHRC. The affiliates are not necessarily a Community Service Board, but may be a Group Home or a Day Support Program. All of the identified Community Programs in the State have to be affiliated with a Local Human Rights Committee. A number of twenty eight (28) affiliates were identified and each one has to have an affiliated facility in order do business. Ms. Walsh stated that it makes a “seamless system” when there is an affiliation between a facility and a community program.</p> <p>It was noted that if the HWDMC LHRC decides to have an affiliate the Committee may have to consider meeting more than quarterly.</p> <p>A letter from Joyce E. Bozeman, Ph.D., Chair of the State Human Rights Committee giving new guidelines for the Bylaws dated February 2, 2006, was provided to Committee Members.</p> <p>A copy of the HWDMC LHRC updated Bylaws was also provided to each Committee Member with new language added. It is noted that there will be a certain number of days to vote on the Bylaws. Tonya Cunningham stated that she will call members for their approval.</p> <p>Ms. Cunningham reported that the facility must have a consumer on the Committee and at the present time she does have two applicants.</p>		

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